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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, we respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Specification

On page 1, between lines 3 and 4, please insert -- FIELD OF THE INVENTION--; between lines 9 and 10, please insert -- BACKGROUND--; and

line 17, before "\alpha (t)", please insert --wherein--.

On page 4, between lines 23 and 24, please insert -- OBJECT OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 5, please delete lines 1 - 3; and

before line 4, please insert -- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION ---

On page 6, between lines 19 and 20, please insert -- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--;

line 23, please change "Fig. 1" to --Figs. 1a and b are graphs including--;

line 25, please change "Fig. 2" to --Figs. 2a and b are graphs including--; and

line 27, please change "Fig. 3" to --Figs. 3a - d are graphs including--.